

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12, and 25 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-36 are pending.

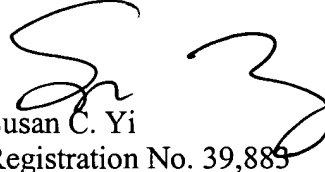
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 8, 25, 27, 28, and 33 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Rasmussen (US 5,995,146). Additionally, claims 12, 13, 15, 16, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasmussen.

The applicant submits that Rasmussen fails to teach or suggest “Modifying the value of the display position code of each slice of each of the received MPEG – encoded video streams as necessary” as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly in independent claims 12 and 25. Rasmussen states that “It should be appreciated that combiner 70 in no way alters the macroblock display location addresses in macroblock headers 132, but rather merely reorders the slices as per the display location addresses assigned by encoders 30.” (See Column 7, Lines 34-37 of Rasmussen). Accordingly, Rasmussen fails to modify the value of the display position code as recited in independent claims 1, 12, and 25. Rasmussen states that “Although the contents of macroblock headers are not changed, if desired, it could be modified prior to generation of ES payload”. (See Column 7, Lines 38-43 of Rasmussen). Accordingly, it further fails to modify the value of the display position code of each slice of each of the received MPEG – encoded video streams as necessary, as recited in independent claim 1, 12, and 25.

Claims 2-11 depend from claim 1; claims 13-24 depend from claim 12; and claims 26-36 depend from claim 25 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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